



## Mitchell Community Church

1507 S. Mitchell Rd.  
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*Sharing the Love of Christ*



## Newsletter

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### Mission Statement

#### **Developing Passionate Followers of Jesus Christ**

*We at Mitchell Community Church are dedicated to providing a Biblical ministry to the people of this community. Our goal is to provide love and support for each member of this body of believers and to share the love of Christ with all members of our community. We are convinced that the Bible is God’s word to man. We believe that “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures...” (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)*

*If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact one of our Pastors or Elders.*

### Church Officers 2022 – 2023

Chairman	Randy LaFollette	
Vice Chairman	Vern Larson	
Elders	Rex Wright Rick Frazier	
Treasurer	Christina Ruiz	
Secretary	Cathy Black	
Trustees	Jon Fletcher Vern Larson Don McFarlane Jay Mohr	Roger Parks Dan Ruiz Cliff Sanders Steve Weber
Deaconess	Kathy LaFollette Jill McFarlane Leslie Mohr	Diane Parks Sherry Sotelo Cheryl Weber
Sunday School Superintendent	Jennifer Maimone	
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent	Kathy LaFollette	



### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**9:30 - Sunday School**

**10:15 – Coffee & Donuts**

**10:45 - Church**



Our church calendar is online:

<https://www.mcchurchturlock.org/google-calendar/>

Dear Mitchell Church Family;

Thank you for your prayers and support in our recent search for our next Sr. Pastor. On March 26<sup>th</sup> the church membership voted to call Rick and Joan Burnam as Mitchell's next Sr. Pastor and wife. We rejoice in the Lord's preparation and leading in bringing us together with them. They will begin ministry at Mitchell the first week of July.

Please continue to pray for Pastor David and Sherry as their formal ministry at Mitchell will finish at the end of June. A special celebration Sunday is being planned for the end of June to thank them for their fourteen years of service here. And an installation and welcome service is being planned for Pastor Rick and Joan on the first Sunday of July. Please pray that these transition plans will be honoring and encouraging to both couples and most of all that these plans will be Holy Spirit led and bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank you!

Randy LaFollette, Board Chairman

**Weekly Prayer Meeting**

**Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at church**

**Men's Bible Studies**

**Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 p.m. at church**

**Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m.**

**at Roger Parks' home 209-401-0397**

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Ladies Bunko Night**

**In the modular adult Sunday School classroom**

**A fun time! Snacks provided.**

**Cost: \$ -0-**

**(Prizes awarded out of a treasure chest!)**

**CHRIST IS RISEN**



**Mitchell Community Church**

**Easter Service**

**Sunday, April 9**

**10:45 a.m.**

**Please join us!**

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**

**will be held at 10:15 (sharp!)**

**Please bring the kids for this fun time!**

**Ladies  
Brunch  
on the Lawn**

Join us for delicious food and special speaker! Mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends all welcome!

**Saturday May 6th 10am**  
1507 S. Mitchell Rd. Turlock, CA 95380

***An article provided by Pastor Dave:***

## **How to Build a Great Board**

*Growing godly decision-makers takes intentional effort.*

Titus 2:2

*A leader who develops a good board enables the entire organization to minister effectively. Here are four steps to building a good board.*

### **Select Good Members**

In prospective board members, look for people who already believe in your organization. Never use the board as a way of getting people's interest. Look for loyalty, for someone who has already started to serve.

Second, discover how a person uses power. Try to find out how someone behaves when he or she loses. Knowing how to lose gracefully and maintain loyalty when your peers have out-voted you is an essential element of Christian maturity.

Third, look for process people instead of Lone Rangers. Persons who work where they largely have full authority (Lone Rangers) need to be checked out to make sure they know when they should lead and when they should follow.

### **Define Roles**

Board membership means more than being at the meetings. Members need to know that they fill basic roles. First, board members are governors. This means making decisions in a proper, orderly manner. Second, board members are consultants. Each board member will have areas of expertise that may be called upon. Third, board members are ambassadors, which means representing both the leadership before the church and the church's wishes before the leadership. The fourth role is sponsor. Board members must give of themselves and encourage others to give.

### **Build Caring Relationships**

Start by improving the spiritual and intellectual relationship among board members. Make Bible study, personal sharing, and prayer times with the board a high priority. Seek times when they can be weak, honest, and vulnerable with one another, and make sure you model that as well. Each member should say it has been good to be with these people. A spirit of love, honesty, and integrity while handling issues can feed joy even when the news itself is not as bright as we would like.

### **Disciple the Board**

Get to know board members well. Become familiar with their families, businesses, pains, and trials. Let them know what you are struggling with. Pastors have an opportunity for personal influence on board members unlike any other group in the church. Although you pastor the board with an intensity you can't give the rest of the congregation, it builds into the congregation a nurturing pattern that spreads to others. Pastors can encourage board members to do what they didn't think they could, enabling them to take steps toward maturity in Christ. Board members are then equipped so others will follow them in the steps of our Lord.

—DAVID HUBBARD

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